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In re application of : Fred ZACOUTO et al

Application No. : 10/040, 429 ✓  
 (Continuation of US application 09/200, 855)  
 Filed : January 9, 2002  
 For : SKELETAL IMPLANT

Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.312  
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Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: B. Snow

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Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.312** in the above-captioned application.

Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.  
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.  
 A Request for Extension of Time.  
 No additional fee is required.

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Responsive to the Notice of Allowance of April 9, 2004, please enter the following amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this Amendment.